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January 6, 2009

Mr. Satish Damodaran, Mill Manager
Appleton Papers, Inc., West Carrollton Mill
1030 West Alex-Bell Road
West Carrollton, OH 45449

Re: Montgomery County, Appleton Papers, NPDES Permit Violation

Dear Mr. Damodaran:

On December 3, 2008, the Appleton Papers, West Carrollton Mill experienced a pass through event at their WWTP. A batch of recycled paper contained a plastic film. When this paper stocked was rejected, the plastic film was discharged to the WWTP and subsequently the Great Miami River.

On December 4, 2008, Bob Ostendorf and I inspected the Appleton Papers WWTP. The plastic film was noted in all portions of the WWTP. The plastic film was also noted in the Great Miami River.

Appleton Papers is required to comply with the conditions of their NPDES Permit (NPDES Permit # OH0009377; OEPA Permit # 11A00004*LD). The NPDES Permit "General Effluent Limits" are addressed in Part III, Section 2. The conditions noted in the Great Miami River are considered to be violations of the NPDES Permit.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the general effluent limitations of your NPDES Permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.

We have reviewed the December 19, 2008 report addressing the reason for the above violation and the actions being taken to prevent further occurrences. Appleton Papers has taken adequate action to address this event. Appleton Papers must also continue their efforts to prevent future violations. No additional information concerning this event is requested at this time. Future violations must continue to be reported as required by the NPDES Permit as detailed in Part III.12 titled "Noncompliance Notification."

Finally, a new traveling influent screen was noted as having been installed this past year. This treatment system was not approved by the Ohio EPA. This installation is considered to be a violation of Chapter 6111.45 of the Ohio Revised Code. A Permit to Install application must be submitted for this new treatment unit. Action must be taken as soon as possible to address this violation.

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If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (937) 285-6096.

Sincerely,



Ned Sarle
Division of Surface Water
Permit Section

cc: Nancy McDonnell, Appleton Papers, Inc.